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**Charles R. Butler, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Washington and Lee 1962 BA; Alabama 1966 LLB  
Began Service: November 1, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, University of South Alabama (1975-1976)

**Government:** Assistant Public Defender, State of Alabama (1969-1970); District Attorney, State of Alabama (1971-1975)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama (1995-2003); Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (1999-2002); Member of the Executive Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States (2000-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hamilton, Butler, Riddick & Latour (1966-1969); Partner, Butler & Sullivan (1975-1984); Partner, Hamilton, Butler, Riddick, Tarlton & Latour (1984-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1962-1964)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; Mobile Bar Association

#### Staff

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**William E. Cassady**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Jones Law 1977 JD  
Began Service: 1985  
Term Expires: March 2009

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Fourth Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1980-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1978-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The Paul W. Brock American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Mobile Bar Association; Rotary Club of Mobile, Rotary International, Inc.

#### Staff

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**Bert W. Milling, Jr.**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: William & Mary 1968 AB; Alabama 1971 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Term Expires: November 20, 2010

**Government:** Special Assistant, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1974-1975); Assistant District Attorney, State of Alabama (1977-1978); Counsel, Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate (1981-1983); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Alabama - Southern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1983-1986)

**Judicial:** Court Referee, Alabama Circuit Court, 13th Judicial Circuit (1978-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1975-1977)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1971-1974); Alabama National Guard, United States Department of the Army (1975-1987)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; Christian Legal Society; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Mobile Bar Association

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**Sonja Faye Bivins**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: February 22, 1963  
Education: Spring Hill 1985 BS; Alabama 1988 JD  
Began Service: February 2, 2004  
Term Expires: February 2, 2012

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

#### Staff

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**Number of Judgeships:** 2

#### Court Staff

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#### Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge William S. Shulman

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**William S. Shulman**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Alabama 1975 JD  
Began Service: 1996  
Term Expires: February 9, 2010

**Legal Practice:** Feibelman, Shulman and Terry, Attorneys at Law (1976-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Mobile Bar Association

#### Staff

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#### Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Margaret A. Mahoney

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**Margaret A. Mahoney**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Col St Catherine 1971 BA; Minnesota 1974 JD  
Began Service: December 13, 1993  
Term Expires: December 12, 2021

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota (1984-1987); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (1987-1989); Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Alabama (1996-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (1989-1993)

**Nonprofit:** Editor, The American Bankruptcy Law Journal (1998-2002)

#### Staff

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Term Expires: August 2009  
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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

#### Court Staff

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**John W. Sedwick**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Dartmouth 1968 BA; Harvard 1972 JD  
Began Service: October 15, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Director, Natural Resources Division, State of Alaska (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1972-1981); Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1983-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Air National Guard (1969-1971)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.

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**Ralph R. Beistline**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Alaska 1972 BA; U Puget Sound 1974 JD  
Began Service: May 24, 2002  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge The Honorable Taylor, Superior Court of Alaska (1974-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Court of Alaska (1992-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1975-1978); Partner, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1979-1992)

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